Indo-Myanmar Pact

4415. SHRMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have so far been taken in pursuance of the Indo-Myanmar Pact for prevention of illicit trafficking in nacrotics, drugs, arms, ammunition and organized crimes, including insurgency; and

(b) the comparative figures of such incidents during 2003, 2004 and the current year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. RAGUPATHY): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and the Government of Union of Myanmar was signed on the 25th October 2004 with the objective of enhancing mutual cooperation in dealing with issues relating to terrorism, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, smuggling in arms & ammunition, organized crime, money laundering, international economic crime and cyber crime. Pursuant to this, the first meeting of the India-Myanmar Consultative Group on Non-Traditional Security Issues was held in New Delhi on February 10-11,2005. At this meeting both sides agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of non-traditional security issues, including counter-terrorism through exchange of information and intelligence, capacity building, mutual legal cooperation, etc. and joint efforts of curb illegal trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances as well as small arms and light weapons.

(b) During 2003, 2004 and 2005 (upto 31st Mar' 05) heroin seized in North Eastern Region, most of which are suspected to be of Myanmar origin, are 41.04 Kgs, 35.14 Kgs and 8.35 Kgs respectively. Arms surrendered by insurgents in the North Eastern States during 2003, 2004 and 2005 (upto 15th April 2005) are 753, 302 and 73 respectively.

Blast on Hanji Wara bridge on the Indo-Pak Highway

4416. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hanji Wara bridge on the Indo-Pak Highway bus route (Srinagar to Mazaffarabad Bus Service) was blasted and damaged in the first week of April;

(b) if so, how this happened when police were guarding the bridge;

(c) whether this occurrence have created panic and fear in the mainds of the proposed travelling public; and

(d) what are the effective measure taken to avoid this kind of blasts in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, an explosion took place about 100 meters away from the Hanjiwera bridge, located on Srinagar-Uri National Highway without causing any damage.

(c) No, Sir. The passengers from both sides continue to undertake bus journey between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad despite terrorist threats.

(d) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, intelligence agencies have been kept on high alert and the patrolling on the route has been intensified. Besides, these measures, the bridges located enroute are adequately guarded.

Extortion of Government funds by undergroud outfits for North-East

4417. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been a wide spread extortion of Government funds in the North-East by the underground outfits for the last several years, with the connivance of certain official belonging to All India Service;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last three years; and